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For: Valve Gated Nozzle Having a Valve Pin With a Sensor

Inventor:

George OLARU

Our Ref:

2107.1440001/TUM

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